

Dairy Products Prices

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Dairy Products Prices Highlights

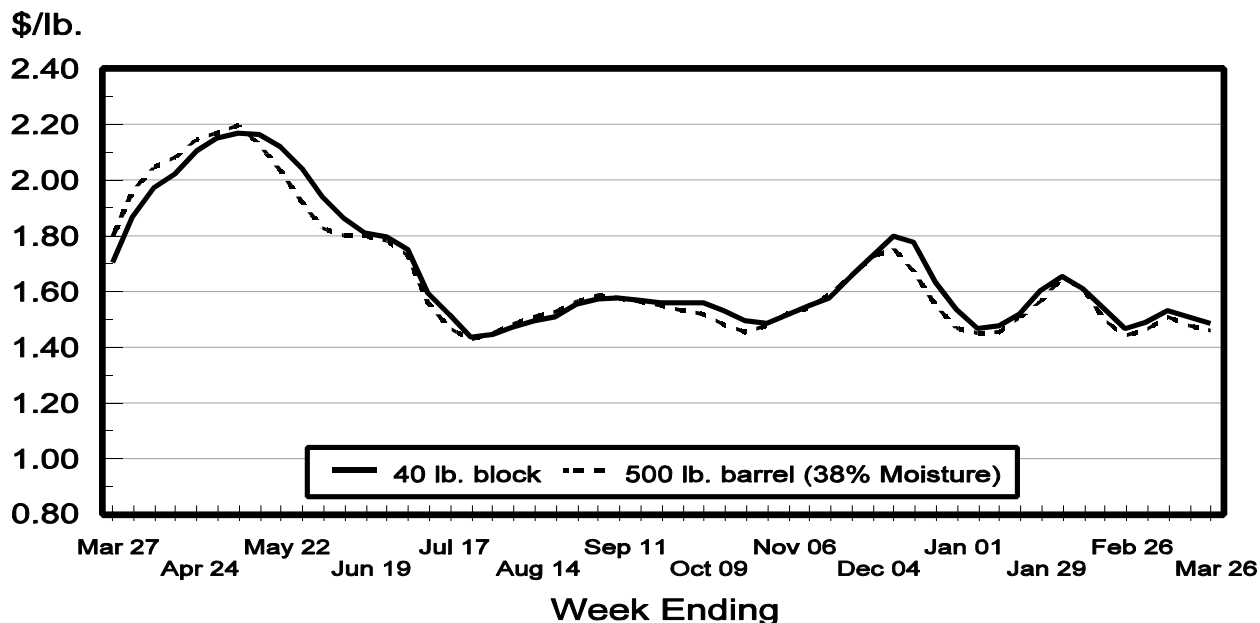
Cheddar Cheese prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.49 per pound for the week ending March 26. The price per pound decreased 2.3 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.46 per pound, down 2.1 cents from the previous week.

Butter prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.56 per pound for the week ending March 26. The U.S. price per pound increased 2.3 cents from the previous week.

Nonfat Dry Milk prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 90.9 cents per pound for the week ending March 26. The U.S. price per pound decreased slightly from the previous week.

Dry Whey prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 25.7 cents per pound for the week ending March 26. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.7 cents from the previous week.

Cheddar Cheese Prices, U.S. 40 lb. blocks vs. 500 lb. barrels



Cheddar Cheese Prices by Style and Region

Style and Region	Week Ending				
	Mar 26, 2005	Mar 19, 2005	Mar 12, 2005	Mar 5, 2005	Feb 26, 2005
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
40 Lb. Blocks					
Avg. Price ²					
MN/WI	1.4741	1.5203	1.5822	1.5458	1.5306
Oth Sts	1.4884	1.5088	1.5267	1.4863	1.4594
US	1.4870	1.5100	1.5326	1.4923	1.4675
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume ³					
MN/WI	809,143	865,007	897,585	1,021,893	1,251,194
Oth Sts	7,662,132	7,882,179	7,503,753	9,164,402	9,722,251
US	8,471,275	8,747,186	8,401,338	10,186,295	10,973,445
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
500 Lb. Barrels					
Avg. Price ²					
MN/WI	1.5108	1.5219	1.6253	1.5482	1.4591
Oth Sts	1.5397	1.5695	1.5524	1.5305	1.5460
US	1.5289	1.5516	1.5802	1.5368	1.5141
Price Adj. to 38% Moisture					
MN/WI	1.4571	1.4639	1.5625	1.4923	1.4058
Oth Sts	1.4579	1.4875	1.4755	1.4509	1.4623
US	1.4576	1.4787	1.5085	1.4655	1.4418
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume ³					
MN/WI	4,091,943	3,822,226	3,909,365	3,548,726	3,921,595
Oth Sts	6,915,737	6,355,163	6,325,040	6,397,559	6,764,818
US	11,007,680	10,177,389	10,234,405	9,946,285	10,686,413
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Moisture Content					
MN/WI	35.72	35.54	35.51	35.68	35.65
Oth Sts	34.52	34.58	34.77	34.60	34.45
US	34.97	34.94	35.05	34.99	34.89

¹ Revised.

² Prices weighted by volumes reported.

³ Sales as reported by participating manufacturers.

Butter Prices

Region	Week Ending				
	Mar 26, 2005	Mar 19, 2005	Mar 12, 2005	Mar 5, 2005	Feb 26, 2005
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
Avg. Price ²					
US	1.5592	1.5364	1.5426	1.5797	1.6088
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume ³					
US	3,355,209	3,271,850	3,305,552	3,485,901	3,150,811

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Nonfat Dry Milk Prices

Region	Week Ending				
	Mar 26, 2005	Mar 19, 2005 ¹	Mar 12, 2005	Mar 5, 2005	Feb 26, 2005
Avg. Price ² US	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9094	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9097	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9095	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9051	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9007
Sales Volume ³ US	<i>Pounds</i> 19,332,398	<i>Pounds</i> 19,837,804	<i>Pounds</i> 21,994,775	<i>Pounds</i> 22,534,787	<i>Pounds</i> 18,059,436

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Dry Whey Prices

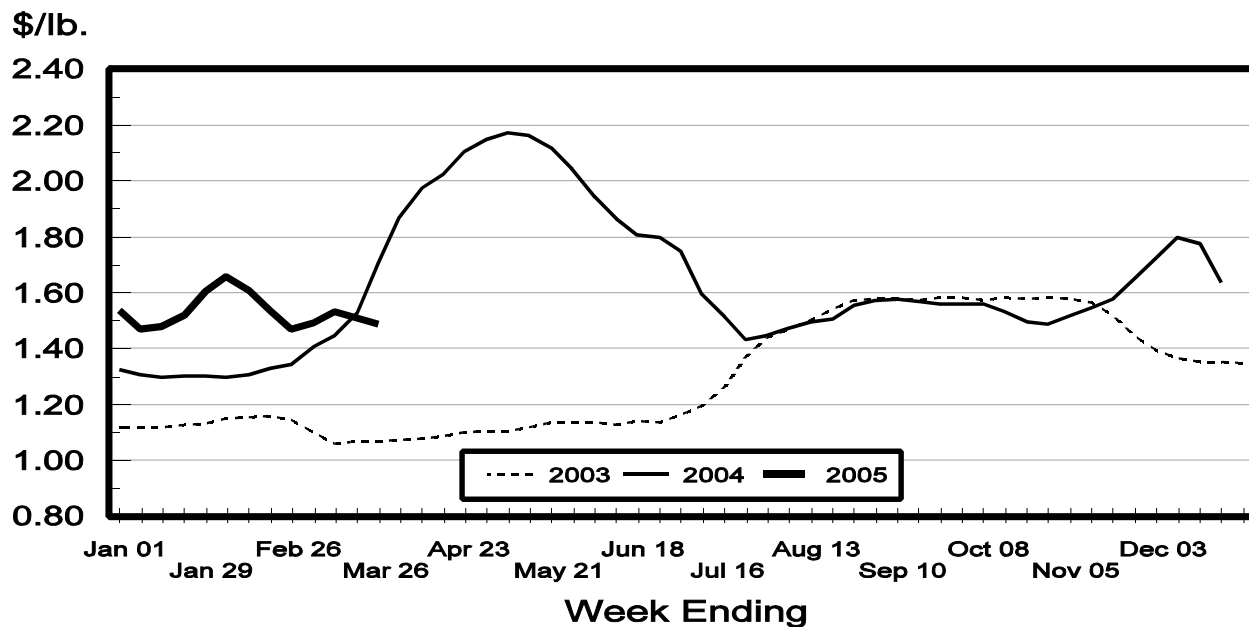
Region	Week Ending				
	Mar 26, 2005	Mar 19, 2005 ¹	Mar 12, 2005	Mar 5, 2005	Feb 26, 2005
Avg. Price ² US	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2571	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2503	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2474	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2503	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2472
Sales Volume ³ US	<i>Pounds</i> 12,841,544	<i>Pounds</i> 13,207,386	<i>Pounds</i> 12,368,669	<i>Pounds</i> 13,058,711	<i>Pounds</i> 13,103,841

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Cheddar Cheese Prices, U.S. 40 lb. blocks



Procedures and Reliability: Price information included in this report is provided each week by manufacturers of these products. Data are collected by fax and electronic mail each week for the previous week. Price information collected is for the (wholesale) point of sale for:

- 1) Natural, unaged cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks and 500 pound barrels.
- 2) Boxes of butter meeting USDA Grade AA standards, 80% butterfat, salted, fresh or storage.
- 3) USDA Extra Grade edible nonhygroscopic dry whey.
- 4) USDA Extra Grade and USPH Grade A, nonfortified nonfat dry milk.

A transaction is complete when the product is "shipped out" and title transfers. Resales of purchased product, forward pricing and intra-company sales are excluded.

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